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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5374

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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST IN 28TH GA

REFS: USUN 5142; STATE 236008

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF FORMULAR WHICH GA PRESIDENT BENITES  
INTENDS TO READ AT CONCLUSIONOF ASSEMBLY LINKING DEFERRAL  
OF ME DEBATE TO SUSPENSION OF 28TH GA SINE DIE. IF WILL  
BE NOTED THAT SESSION COULD BE RESUMED ONLY WHEN PRESIDENT,  
AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND SYG, BELIEVED  
CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF ME ITEM.  
ISRAEL MISSION (TO WHICH TEXT WAS GIVEN) INFORMS US IT  
HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED ACCEPT FORMULA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE: THERE IS ONE ITEM ASSIGNED TO

PLENARY MEETINGS WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSIDERED AT THE PRESENT SESSION; NAMELY, ITEM 22 OF THE AGENDA, ENTITLED: "THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST"

QUOTE EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT, OWING TO THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THERE IS A GENERAL SENTIMENT NOT TO TAKE UP THIS ITEM AT THE PRESENT TIME. I AM SURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.

QUOTE AS A RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, IT IS FELT THAT THE BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW WOULD BE TO RESUME THE SESSION OF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT THAT THE GA CONSIDER THE ITEM. THEPROCEDURE HAS ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED AT THE END OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION, AND IT CALLS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION WHEN THE PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATES AND WITH THE SECGEN, BELIEVES THAT CONDITIONS WOULD BE FAVOURABLE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 22. THE SAME PROCEDURE WOULD BE USED IN SETTING THE DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION. FROM A PROCEDURAL POINT OF VIEW, THE SESSION WOULD NOT BE DECLARED CLOSED.

QUOTE IF I HEAR NO OBJECTION, MAY IT TAKE IT THAT THIS PROCEDURE MEETS WITH THE GA'S APPROVAL; UNQUOTE

3. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ISRAELI MISSION, AMBASSADOR BENNETT CALLED ON PRESIDENT BENITES LATE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 4 TO RELAY TO HIM SUBSTANCE OF STATE 236008. BENNETT COMMENTED TO PRESIDENT THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH HIS FORMULA ALBEIT SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY SINCE WE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE ASSEMBLY SLIDE OFF INTO NORMAL ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT GETTING TO MIDDLE EAST ITEM. BENNETT EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT THIS MIGHT JUST BE POSSIBLE ON DECEMBER 18 WHEN HOPEFULLY ALL EYES WOULD BE ON GENEVA CONFERENCE OPENING AND NO ONE WOULD WANT TO ROCK BOAT IN NEW YORK. BOTH BENITES AND UNDER SECRETARY MORSE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THINGS COULD GO THAT WAY -- THEY ARE BOTH CONVINCED THAT BENITES' FORMULA IS ONLY WAY TO SATISFY ARABS AND KEEP THEM, CERTAINLY MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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MILITANT GROUP, FROM ERUPTING INTO ACRIMONIOUS CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST. BENITES ALSO POINTED OUT THAT UNDER HIS FORMULA (PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE) SESSION COULD BE RESUMED ONLY WHEN HE, THE PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS AND SYG, FOUND CONDITIONS FAVORABLE. THIS WOULD GIVE BENITES THE CONTROL, AND HE IS OBVIOUSLY MUCH ENAMORED OF HIS PLAN. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HIS FORMULA WOULD ONLY BE READ ON DECEMBER 18. IN THE EVENT IF THE UNEXPECTED

WERE TO HAPPEN AND INTEREST WERE RIVETED ELSEWHERE  
THEN HE COULD TRY TO ADJOURN 28TH GA IN NORMAL STYLE.  
IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR THAT IN THE END OUR GA PRESIDENT  
WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO FOLLOW HIS OWN FORMULA.  
BENNETT

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